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Filing Date: 09/668,482  
Title: September 25, 2000  
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The enclosed reference of George et al. was cited during prosecution of parent United States Patent Application Serial No. 08/724,466, now United States Patent No. 6,063,606.

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